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In Re Application of:)	
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STEINMETZ et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 1744
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Filed: April 24, 2001)	AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
)	OFFICE ACTION
Serial No. 09/841,205)	
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For: SELF-SHARPENING)	
TICKET SCRATCHER)	
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed February 2, 2004, please amend claims 23, 33 and 38 as follows:

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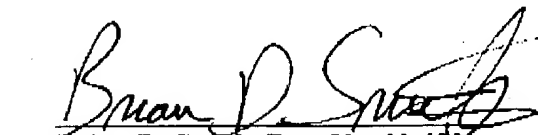
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